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AIP Plan reference code: NBB9FKCD

Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Project Phase

**Nominated project proponent:** RICHMOND VALLEY SOLAR AND BESS PTY LTD

Project details

Name: Richmond Valley Solar Farm

Location: Myrtle Creek NSW

Type: Electricity facility

Purpose: Establish new facility

Capital expenditure: $500 million or more

Description: The Richmond Valley Solar and BESS project is a proposed solar farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) located in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales, approximately seven kilometres to the east of the town of Rappville in the Richmond Valley LGA. The Project involves the installation, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of up to 500 megawatts of DC solar electricity generation and BESS of approximately 2,200 megawatt hours capacity. The project will also include supporting infrastructure, inverters to concert DC to AC electricity, a substation, switching substation and transmission lines to the nearby Transgrid transmission network. As of December 2024, the project is in the final stages of securing its planning and environmental approvals from the NSW Departments of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. Once these approvals are in place, the project is expected to commence detailed engineering design, enabling procurement processes to comments. All procurement entities that are appointed will be contractually required to comply with, and report against, the approved AIP plan.

Completion date: 01 Mar 2028

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Key goods and services

Indicative list of key goods and services to be acquired for the project:

**Key goods and services**

Supply, installation and commissioning of solar/battery components

**Opportunities for**

**Australian entities\***

**Opportunities for
non-Australian
entities**

**Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities**

Yes Yes

Civil balance of plant works Yes No

Engineering design services Yes Yes

LV cable design and installation Yes Yes

HV design and installation of substation/s Yes Yes

and switchyards

operations and maintenance Yes Yes

Plant hire Yes No

Transport Yes No

Labour hire Yes No

traffic management services Yes No

Material Supply Yes No

Supply of fuel/oil Yes No

Accommodation, meals and entertainment Yes No

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An Australian entity is an entity with an ABN or ACN
Project standards:

Australian
International

Supplier information and communication

Project proponent’s contact person for supplier enquiries:

**Contact person name** Martha O'Connor-Velez

**Contact person position** Senior Procurement Manager

**Phone number** 0472866954

**E-mail** martha.oconnor@arkenergy.com.au

Project proponent website: <https://arkenergy.com.au/solar/richmond-valley/> Project opportunities website: <https://arkenergy.com.au/solar/richmond-valley/> Supplier engagement and communication actions :

Promote project opportunities through industry associations

Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes

Issue media releases or ASX announcements on project developments and opportunities

Directly contact suppliers with information on project opportunities and bid processes

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Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

Provide market intelligence to suppliers

Encourage joint ventures and alliances between suppliers

Support supplier development initiatives of industry associations or governments

Global supply chain integration actions:

Provide references for high performing suppliers
Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:

The procurement entity/ies will offer feedback to unsuccessful Australian bidders for the project. Feedback will include relevant training, skills, areas for improvement, capability and capacity development. When the procurement entities notify unsuccessful suppliers, opportunity for feedback will be offered.

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Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Operations Phase

**Nominated facility operator:** RICHMOND VALLEY SOLAR AND BESS PTY LTD

Facility details

Name: Richmond Valley Solar Farm

Location: Myrtle Creek NSW

Type: Electricity facility

Key goods and services

Indicative list of key goods and services to be acquired for the new facility:

**Opportunities for**

**Australian entities \***

**Opportunities for
non-Australian
entities**

**Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities**

**Key goods and services**

Operation and Maintenance Services Yes No

Ancillary Services (Cleaning, Security, Waste Yes No

Management, Pets control etc)

\*An Australian entity is an entity with an ABN or ACN Facility standards:

Australian
International

Supplier information and communication

Facility operator’s contact person for supplier enquiries:

**Contact person name** Martha O'Connor-Velez

**Contact person position** Senior Procurement Manager

**Phone number** 0472866954

**E-mail** martha.oconnor@arkenergy.com.au

Facility operator website: <https://arkenergy.com.au/solar/richmond-valley/> Facility opportunities website: <https://arkenergy.com.au/solar/richmond-valley/> Supplier engagement and communication actions :

Promote project opportunities through industry associations

Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes

Issue media releases or ASX announcements on project developments and opportunities

Directly contact suppliers with information on project opportunities and bid processes

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Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

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Support supplier development initiatives of industry associations or governments

Global supply chain integration actions:

Provide references for high performing suppliers
Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:

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